# REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

**Title of Publication:**          18[1].jpeg

**Other Known Title:**          Not Stated

**Format:**          Computer Image File Printout

**Director/Author:**          Not Applicable

**Producer/Publisher:**          Not Applicable

**Country of Origin:**          Not Stated

**Language:**          Not Applicable

**Applicant:**          Commissioner of Police

**Distributor:**          Not Applicable

**Classification:**          Objectionable.

**Descriptive Note:**          Not Applicable

**Display Conditions:**          Not Applicable

**Date of entry in Register:**          17 March 2008

**Date of direction to issue a label:** Not Applicable

**OFLC No:**          703079

**Excisions:**          Not Applicable

**Reasons for excisions:**

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons for classification:**

The computer image file printout *18[1].jpeg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The printed image shows a female child in a nude sexual pose, with her undeveloped genitals the centre of attention for the camera and the viewer. The image has been constructed for the sexual titillation and arousal of adults and its file format makes it suitable for wide distribution and trading among like-minded individuals. The image encourages viewers to see children as desirable and suitable sexual partners for adults. The effect of such material is to validate a sexual interest in children and to encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.